

# Post 243 Newsletter

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## Four Chaplains Day

## Scouts at the Post



This month we were pleased to have members of Oviedo Pack 319 help fold flags and perform the retirement ceremony for us. They stayed and began work on their pinewood derby cars afterwards.



At 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 3, 1943, the bell on USAT Dorchester rang twice and never was sounded again. The troopship was torpedoed by an enemy submarine, and 672 young men died as it sank to the bottom. Among them were four men of God: a rabbi, a Roman Catholic priest, a Methodist minister, and a Dutch Reformed minister. All were Army chaplains...[read more](#)

## From the Commander

Surely we had all hoped that 2021 would be better in all respects than 2020! That may well be the case in coming months, but our January General Meeting and Chili Cook-Off has been postponed until February. Blame potential COVID-19 exposure again, even though we have added new sanitization equipment and procedures at the Post. We will continue working to get to our full schedule ASAP. Join us on 3 February for the Four Chaplains Ceremony and enjoy some coffee and conversation on Wednesdays from 1000 to noon!

Bill

## Key Dates

- Jan 30, 0900 | Post 243 Oratorical Competition
- Feb 2, 1900 | Staff Meeting
- Feb 3, 1200 | Four Chaplains Ceremony
- Feb 18, 1800 | Chili Cook-off
- Feb 18, 1900 | **Central Florida's Simulation & Training...**
- Feb 21, 1200-1700 | Blood Drive
- Mar 2, 1900 | Staff Meeting
- Mar 18, 1900 | **Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs**
- Apr 6, 1900 | Staff Meeting
- Apr 15, 1900 | **Police & Fire Recognition**

## Key Date Info

### Chili Cookoff

Come help us taste multiple chili recipes during our potluck supper this evening. Those preparing Chili please let us know. If you are able, please bring a dish to share or a donation for the post.

### Central Florida's Simulation & Training Industry

Colonel Robert Rohlfing, USAF, retired, will be speaking on the simulation program and Central Florida following our potluck supper at 1800 this evening. Please invite friends, neighbors and/or veterans who may be interested in hearing about this subject.

### Four Chaplains Ceremony

Come help memorialize the events that took place on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1943. This event is open to the public.

### Guardian Angels Medical Service Dogs

Paul Bertram and Walker will be showing us what his organization does for veterans who need assistance. Community members are encouraged to attend.

### What are those little bottles for?

You may have seen them scattered outside on our property. It is a proprietary mosquito abatement program developed by a Navy veteran and friend. Please do not handle them. POC is Bill Mitchem.



If you were previously rejected due to your time in Europe be sure to check out eligibility changes.

Go to [this link](#) and scroll to **Variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (vCJD) or "Mad Cow" information.**

To schedule an appointment click [here](#).

## Stay in Touch

If you'd like to be added to our email distribution, please send your contact information to the email address below. If you need help getting to or from Post events, just ask, we're here to help!

Website: [www.OviedoLegion.org](http://www.OviedoLegion.org)

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The Oviedo Mall became the first public vaccination site to open in the state. People 65 and older may receive the COVID-19 vaccine in Seminole County.

The new location is inside the old Sears location.

Visit [PrepareSeminole.org](http://PrepareSeminole.org) to register for the vaccine or text COVID19INFO to 888777 for updates.

### James E. Murray

1942 - 2020

We said farewell to a great friend and servant of Post 243. He is survived by his wife Aleene and their three children. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial donations to American Legion Memorial Post 243.

*He will be missed.*

